

Table 4.5 Educational Attainment of the Foreign-Born Population by Sex and Region of Birth: March 2002  
(Numbers in thousands. 1/ 2/)

Total

| EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT           | LATIN AMERICA |         | REGION OF BIRTH |         |                 |         |               |         |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                                  |               |         | CARIBBEAN       |         | CENTRAL AMERICA |         | SOUTH AMERICA |         |
|                                  | Number        | Percent | Number          | Percent | Number          | Percent | Number        | Percent |
| Total 3/                         | 12,835        | 100.0   | 2,594           | 100.0   | 8,634           | 100.0   | 1,606         | 100.0   |
| Less than 9th grade              | 4,437         | 34.6    | 478             | 18.4    | 3,796           | 44.0    | 163           | 10.2    |
| 9th to 12th grade (no diploma)   | 2,099         | 16.4    | 342             | 13.2    | 1,613           | 18.7    | 144           | 8.9     |
| High school graduate             | 3,219         | 25.1    | 868             | 33.4    | 1,825           | 21.1    | 527           | 32.8    |
| Some college or associate degree | 1,696         | 13.2    | 478             | 18.4    | 882             | 10.2    | 336           | 20.9    |
| Bachelor's degree                | 1,043         | 8.1     | 321             | 12.4    | 396             | 4.6     | 326           | 20.3    |
| Advanced degree                  | 341           | 2.7     | 109             | 4.2     | 122             | 1.4     | 110           | 6.9     |
| Less than high school diploma    | 6,536         | 50.9    | 819             | 31.6    | 5,410           | 62.7    | 307           | 19.1    |
| High school graduate or more     | 6,299         | 49.1    | 1,775           | 68.4    | 3,225           | 37.3    | 1,299         | 80.9    |
| Less than bachelor's degree      | 11,451        | 89.2    | 2,165           | 83.4    | 8,117           | 94.0    | 1,169         | 72.8    |
| Bachelor's degree or more        | 1,384         | 10.8    | 430             | 16.6    | 518             | 6.0     | 436           | 27.2    |

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2/ Age 25 years and over.

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|                                  |               |         | CARIBBEAN       |         | CENTRAL AMERICA |         | SOUTH AMERICA |         |
|                                  | Number        | Percent | Number          | Percent | Number          | Percent | Number        | Percent |
| Total 3/                         | 6,656         | 100.0   | 1,196           | 100.0   | 4,702           | 100.0   | 758           | 100.0   |
| Less than 9th grade              | 2,347         | 35.3    | 207             | 17.3    | 2,058           | 43.8    | 83            | 10.9    |
| 9th to 12th grade (no diploma)   | 1,119         | 16.8    | 167             | 13.9    | 889             | 18.9    | 64            | 8.4     |
| High school graduate             | 1,626         | 24.4    | 396             | 33.1    | 993             | 21.1    | 236           | 31.2    |
| Some college or associate degree | 868           | 13.0    | 228             | 19.1    | 465             | 9.9     | 174           | 23.0    |
| Bachelor's degree                | 520           | 7.8     | 150             | 12.5    | 224             | 4.8     | 146           | 19.2    |
| Advanced degree                  | 175           | 2.6     | 48              | 4.0     | 72              | 1.5     | 56            | 7.3     |
| Less than high school diploma    | 3,467         | 52.1    | 373             | 31.2    | 2,947           | 62.7    | 146           | 19.3    |
| High school graduate or more     | 3,189         | 47.9    | 823             | 68.8    | 1,755           | 37.3    | 611           | 80.7    |
| Less than bachelor's degree      | 5,961         | 89.6    | 998             | 83.5    | 4,406           | 93.7    | 556           | 73.4    |
| Bachelor's degree or more        | 695           | 10.4    | 198             | 16.5    | 296             | 6.3     | 201           | 26.6    |

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|                                  |               |         | CARIBBEAN       |         | CENTRAL AMERICA |         | SOUTH AMERICA |         |
|                                  | Number        | Percent | Number          | Percent | Number          | Percent | Number        | Percent |
| Total 3/                         | 6,179         | 100.0   | 1,398           | 100.0   | 3,932           | 100.0   | 848           | 100.0   |
| Less than 9th grade              | 2,089         | 33.8    | 271             | 19.4    | 1,738           | 44.2    | 80            | 9.5     |
| 9th to 12th grade (no diploma)   | 980           | 15.9    | 175             | 12.5    | 724             | 18.4    | 80            | 9.4     |
| High school graduate             | 1,593         | 25.8    | 471             | 33.7    | 831             | 21.1    | 290           | 34.2    |
| Some college or associate degree | 828           | 13.4    | 249             | 17.8    | 417             | 10.6    | 162           | 19.1    |
| Bachelor's degree                | 523           | 8.5     | 171             | 12.2    | 171             | 4.4     | 180           | 21.3    |
| Advanced degree                  | 166           | 2.7     | 61              | 4.3     | 51              | 1.3     | 55            | 6.5     |
| Less than high school diploma    | 3,069         | 49.7    | 446             | 31.9    | 2,462           | 62.6    | 161           | 18.9    |
| High school graduate or more     | 3,110         | 50.3    | 952             | 68.1    | 1,470           | 37.4    | 688           | 81.1    |
| Less than bachelor's degree      | 5,490         | 88.8    | 1,166           | 83.4    | 3,710           | 94.4    | 613           | 72.3    |
| Bachelor's degree or more        | 689           | 11.2    | 232             | 16.6    | 222             | 5.6     | 235           | 27.7    |

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